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1. DEPARTMENT AND COOPERATING US PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS
PREPARED TO RECEIVE POPOV AND PARTY OF TWO. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS
ON SMAGIN.

2. ARRIVAL APRIL 15 WILL ENSURE ATTENDANCE AT VIP DINNER
AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM APRIL 16 (COCKTAILS 7 P.M., DINNER
AT 8 P.M.). MUSEUM ALSO EXPECTING POPOV ATTENDANCE AT
FORMAL OPENING APRIL 17 FOR MUSEUM TRUSTEES, SPONSORS, AND
INVITED GUESTS. OPENING FOR MUSEUM MEMBERS ON APRIL 18
DOES NOT REQUIRE POPOV ATTENDANCE.

3. IN VIEW EXTENSIVE TRAVEL AND PROGRAM INTERESTS SUG-
GESTED BY POPOV, WE URGE HE EXTEND STAY THROUGH APRIL 25,
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WITH DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON D.C. VIA AEROFLOT THAT

EVENING. WITH EXTENSION OF STAY WE ARE CONSIDERING FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

APRIL 15 ARRIVE NEW YORK;
APRIL 16-17 NEW YORK (METROPOLITAN MUSEUM AND OTHER MUSEUMS, JAZZ REPERTORY CONCERT, AND OTHER CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS);

APRIL 18-19 SAN FRANCISCO (ATTEND A.C.T. PERFORMANCE, MEET WITH CITY CULTURAL LEADERS);
APRIL 20-21 LOS ANGELES (GUEST OF ARMAND HAMMER) (A.C.T. WILL BE "DARK" APRIL 20);
APRIL 22-23 NEW YORK (GUEST OF HUOK ASSOCIATES, BOLSHOI BALLET OPENING);
APRIL 24-25 WASHINGTON (DEPARTMENT OF STATE, KENNEDY CENTER, NATIONAL GALLERY, AND HIRSHORN MUSEUM);
APRIL 25 DEPART FOR MOSCOW,;;;

4. IF POPOV UNABLE EXTEND STAY WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ABOVE ITINERARY:

APRIL 17 DEPART NEW YORK FOR WASHINGTON ON LATE FLIGHT FOLLOWING METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OPENING;
APRIL 18-19 WASHINGTON (REDUCED SCHEDULE TO ENABLE DEPARTURE FOR LOS ANGELES IN LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING); PLEASE NOTE THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON WILL NOT BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 18 AND 19;
APRIL 20 LOS ANGELES;
APRIL 21 SAN FRANCISCO;
APRIL 22-23 NEW YORK;
APRIL 23 DEPART NEW YORK FOR MOSCOW.

5. DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZES THAT THESE OPTIONS ARE TENTATIVE, AND THAT MODIFICATIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVE NECESSARY DUE TO AIRLINE SCHEDULES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING POPOV'S DESIRES. IN EVENT OF SHORTER VISIT, THE QUESTION OF DELETING LOS ANGELES ALTOGETHER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, IN VIEW OF HIGHER PROGRAMMING INTERESTS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON. (FYI: WE UNDERSTAND HAMMER NOT EXPECTED TO BE IN LOS ANGELES APRIL 19-20).

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6. CU WILL ISSUE IV GRANTS TO POPOV (WITH PER DIEM APPROPRIATE HIS RANK) AND TWO ACCOMPANYING SOVIETS, AND WILL PROVIDE ESCORT-INTERPRETER. NO OBJECTION TO SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER ACCOMPANYING POPOV AT HIS EXPENSE. (FYI: SAKOVICH SAID HE WOULD SEEK HIS AMBASSADOR'S PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY). IN WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO, POPOV WILL BE DEPARTMENT'S GUEST, AND IN LOS ANGELES GUEST OF HAMMER- IN NEW YORK CITY, WE WILL BE WORKING

CLOSELY WITH METROPOLITAN MUSEUM AND HUOK ASSOCIATES,
WHO HAVE INVITED POPOV, IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE PROGRAM
AND COVERING COSTS OF HIS TWO STAYS THERE. JERRY
MARGOLIUS, VPS/MHI PROGRAM OFFICER, PLANS TO MEET WITH
POPOV IN NEW YORK AFTER ARRIVAL TO FINALIZE PROGRAM AND
ITINEARY. EMBASSY COMMENTS INVITED. PLEASE INCLUDE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ISSUES AND TALKING POINTS TO BE RAISED
BY DEPARTMENT WITH POPOV. KISSINGER

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